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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Akira Ishibashi et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/210,539 ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
Filed: December 14, 1998 ) Examiner: EGWIM, K  
For: FORMED ARTICLE OF BIODEGRADABLE RESIN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite claim 1, as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A formed article made of a biodegradable resin material comprising:  
a continuous phase comprising (a) [an inorganic filler and (b)] at least one aliphatic polyester selected from the group consisting of polybutylene succinate and polyethylene adipate and (b) inorganic filler dispersed in said aliphatic polyester; and a disperse phase of polylactic acid, which is essentially free of said inorganic filler; wherein said aliphatic polyester component

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